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SUBJECT: AFRICAN ISSUES AT 28TH UNGA

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SUMMARY: GOF VIEWS ON AFRICAN ISSUES AT FORTHCOMING UNGA
(PARA 11 REFTTEL) BROADLY SIMILAR TO OURS. GOF OPPOSES EXTENSION OF
RHODESIAN SANCTIONS AND EXPLICIT CRITICISM OF ANY ONE STATE. IT
ALSO WOULD PREFER TO AVOID CONDEMNATION OF PORTUGUESE MASSACRES
BUT IS WILLING TO STUDY ANY EVIDENCE PRESENTED. SIMILARLY, GOF
WOULD OPPOSE APPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS OF OSLO CONFERENCE
BUT COULD ACCEPT UNGA TAKING NOTE OF THEM. ON ISSUE OF RECOGNITION
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OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, GOF UNWILLING AT THIS TIME TO GO AS

FAR AS USG GIVEN ITS CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES OF COMORIAN AND SOMALIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED AUGUST 23 WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS COMBAL RANGE OF AFRICAN ISSUES IN UN CONTEXT, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF POSSIBLE INTEREST AT FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSION ALONG LINES PARA 11 REFTTEL. COMBAL STATED MOST DIFFICULT ISSUE FOR FRENCH WOULD BE EFFORTS TO SECURE RECOGNITION FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. GOF COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH STATUS AND IS NOT PREPARED TO GO AS FAR AS USG IN ACCEPTING PARTICIPATION IN ALL UNGA COMMITTEES. IN PAST, GOF HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT APPEARANCES BEFORE FOURTH COMMITTEE BY LIBERATION LEADERS WAS EXTENSION OF NORMAL RIGHT OF PETITION. BECAUSE OF CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES WITH MOLINACO (COMORIAN LIBERATION FRONT) AND FLCS (FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE SOMALI COAST), GOF WISHED TO AVOID SITUATION IN WHICH THESE AND OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WOULD BE GIVEN WIDER ACCESS TO UN FORUM. COMBAL NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WOULD BE LIMITED TO OBSERVER STATUS AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

2. ON QUESTION OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, GOF WOULD TAKE POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH IT HAD TAKEN AT UNSC DEBATE EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT WOULD OPPOSE ANY RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND SANCTIONS AND EFFORT TO SINGLE OUT PARTICULAR COUNTRIES FOR CONDEMNATION FOR VIOLATIONS.

3. LIKE USG, FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO STUDY ANY EVIDENCE OF MASSACRES IN MOZAMBIQUE OR REPRESSION BY SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA. GOF COULD NOT SUPPORT CONDEMNATION OF INTERNAL POLICIES OF ADMINISTERING GOVERNMENTS, HOWEVER.

4. IF EFFORT IS MADE FORMALLY TO ENDORSE RECOMMENDATIONS OF OSLO CONFERENCE, GOF WOULD OPPOSE. IT IS PREPARED TO HAVE UNGA TAKE NOTE OF RESULTS BUT LIKE USG FINDS MANY OF SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

5. IN ADDITION TO ISSUES LISTED ABOVE, FRENCH WILL BE ENDEAVORING TO CONVINCE AFRICANS OF THEIR SINCERITY IN MOVING COMORO ISLANDS TOWARD INDEPENDENCE. GOF WOULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE OF 24 THAT FRENCH RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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A MISSION FROM COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE FRENCH DECOLONIZATION POLICY IN ARCHIPELAGO. NONETHELESS, HE SAID, AHMED ABDULLAH, PRESIDENT OF COMORIAN COUNCIL, WOULD FORM PART OF FRENCH UNGA DELEGATION IN EFFORT TO COUNTER CRITICISM OF MORE RADICAL AFRICANS. COMBAL NOTED PARENTHETICALLY THAT FRENCH WERE NOT TOTALLY DISPLEASED WITH RESULTS OF RECENT MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF 24 SINCE IT HAD, IN FACT, TAKEN NOTE OF FRENCH INTENTIONS TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE.

6. EMBOFF ASKED COMBAL ABOUT SWAPO REQUEST FOR SC MEETING (USUN 2758 NOTAL). FRENCH UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ISSUE OF NAMIBIA WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER. THEY HAVE NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT AFRICANS WILL THEN ACQUIESCE IN PROLONGATION OF UNSYG'S MANDATE, THOUGH THEY CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT SOME FORM OF SUSPENSION RATHER THAN ABOLITION CAN BE WORKED OUT. GOF, ASMMWJ#
LZWDN WOULD OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO GET UNSC TO ADOPT SANCTIONS PROCEDURES.

7. COMMENT: FRENCH POSITIONS ON MAJOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES IN UN CONTEXT SEEM BROADLY SIMILAR TO OUR OWN. COMBAL WAS CAREFUL TO INDICATE THAT ON SPECIFIC ISSUES FRENCH HAD YET TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WOULD OPPOSE OR ABSTAIN. WE ASSUME THAT WHEREVER POSSIBLE FRENCH WILL TRY TO AVOID OUTRIGHT OPPOSITION WHICH WOULD ONLY EXACERBATE RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN STATES.
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